

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY

## CONNECTIONS

### OUR MISSION

*As followers of Jesus Christ, and as full members of the Roman Catholic Church, we, the Parish Community of St. John Vianney, joyfully proclaim our Savior risen.*

*Through prayer and sacramental celebration of life in Jesus, we join as co-creators in his mission of justice and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God.*

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### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Sunday**  
8:00am 9:30am &  
11:30am

**Monday & Tuesday**  
7:00pm  
**Wednesday - Friday**  
9:30am

**Saturday**  
5:00pm



### CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday**  
4:00pm - 4:45pm  
(and after our  
Weekday Masses)

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Closed from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch**

## “HERE I AM, LORD – CALLED AND SENT”

This Sunday’s readings invite us to reflect on **God’s call and our response**. Whether it is Isaiah’s vision, Paul’s encounter with the risen Christ, or Simon Peter’s awe before Jesus, each passage reveals how an ordinary person, despite their unworthiness, is **transformed by divine grace and sent forth in mission**. These readings challenge us: **How do we respond to God’s call in our daily lives?**

### First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 – A Call to Holiness and Mission

The prophet Isaiah describes a magnificent vision of God’s glory, with angels crying, *“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”* Overwhelmed by the divine presence, Isaiah feels unworthy, crying out, *“Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips”* (v. 5). But God purifies him and calls him into service. Isaiah responds with courage: **“Here am I; send me!”**

Isaiah’s encounter reminds us that no one is too unworthy to be used by God. **God does not call the perfect—He perfects those He calls.** St. Augustine once said, *“God does not choose the qualified; He qualifies the chosen.”* We, too, are called to holiness, to listen for God’s voice, and to respond with openness.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11 – The Core of Our Faith

St. Paul reminds the Corinthians of the Gospel he received and passed on: *“Christ died for our sins... he was buried... he was raised on the third day”* (vv. 3-4). He recounts the appearances of the risen Christ, even to himself, the “least of the apostles” (v. 9).

Paul’s story is one of transformation. Once a persecutor of Christians, he became a tireless missionary. His experience tells us that **God’s grace is greater than our past mistakes**. No matter what we have done, God’s mercy can renew us and call us into His service. As St. John Vianney said, *“Our sins are but a grain of sand compared to the great mountain of God’s mercy.”*

### Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 – “Do Not Be Afraid”

The Gospel presents the miraculous catch of fish. After a fruitless night, Simon Peter and his companions, at Jesus’ command, cast their nets again—and catch so many fish that their boats begin to sink! Overwhelmed, Peter falls to his knees: *“Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”* But Jesus tells him, *“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people”* (v. 10).

Peter’s reaction echoes Isaiah’s: the awareness of one’s sinfulness before divine holiness. Yet, Jesus does not reject Peter—He **calls him to a higher purpose**. Peter and his companions leave everything and follow Him.

This Gospel challenges us: **How often do we let fear, doubt, or feelings of unworthiness hold us back from responding to Jesus?** Maybe we feel we are not “holy enough” or “knowledgeable enough” to serve God. But Jesus reassures us: **He does not call us because we are perfect, but because He loves us and will equip us.**

### Bringing the Message Home – Our Own “Yes” to God

These readings speak to us today:

1. **God calls us despite our imperfections** – like Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, we may feel unworthy, but God sees our potential.
2. **Grace transforms us** – no past mistake is too great for God’s mercy.
3. **Jesus invites us to trust Him** – we must cast our “nets” in faith, even when the waters seem empty.

This week, let us ask: **Where is God calling me? How can I respond with a willing heart?** Let us say with Isaiah: **“Here am I; send me.”**

May God bless you and guide you in your journey of faith.



### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

As has become a parish tradition, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Parish Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, March 4th** in the parish hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be a great time to get together as a church community and enjoy a delicious dinner as we enter the season of Lent. The dinner will include pancakes, sausages, baked beans, dessert, and tea, coffee and juice. The cost is \$10 for adults with children under 16 free. Tickets will be sold t after all masses on Feb. 15th and 16th and Feb. 22nd and 23rd and March 1st and 2nd.. Payment can be made by cash, credit or debit card. Any monies surplus after the cost of supplies has been covered will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please join us for this fun evening.



### **EXCITING NEWS!**

Life Teen for Students in **Grades 9-12** will be launching on

**Saturday, March 1st** after the 5pm Mass. Please register on the **St. John Vianney website** under **Youth Ministry** or contact Youth Minister Kelly for more information at:

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*Mass Intentions*  
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday February 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm <b>For the People of the Parish</b>
Sunday February 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Rheta Jobes</b> Requested by: Wendy Gordanier
	11:30 am For the <b>deceased members of the Knights of Columbus</b>
Monday February 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm For the <b>living and deceased members of the CWL</b>
Tuesday February 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm † <b>Renate Reichow</b> Requested by: The Biehl Family
	7:00 pm † <b>Maria Kim &amp; † Dosung Kang</b> Requested by: The Son Family
Wednesday February 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Larry White</b> Requested by: The White Family
Thursday February 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Fred Aloise</b> Requested by: Maria Aloise
Friday February 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am † <b>Gaetano Capone</b> Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † <b>Mary Frances McCormick</b> Requested by: Les & Mary Watts
	9:30 am † <b>John LaFrance</b> Requested by: Eileen LaFrance
	9:30 am † <b>Aurele Daigle</b> Requested by: Family
	9:30 am † <b>Ana Miriam Demontes</b> Requested by: Family



The February CWL General Meeting will be held on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall after the 7pm Mass. Our special guest speaker will be our MP, John Brassard. He will be sharing his photos and experiences on a recent trip to Rome and the Vatican. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

**2025 Donation Envelopes and Adult & Young Catholic Missals** are available for pickup in the vestibule and at the Welcome Table



The Orillia Family of Catholic Churches is planning a Pilgrimage to Quebec City from May 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Desk, along with a sample itinerary for you to look at. For more information, please call Gurdian Angles Parish at 705-326-2849.



**THE DESIGNATED JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE SITES ARE:**

**Archdiocesan**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

**Shrines**

Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

**Central Region**

St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto

St. Mary's Parish (Bathurst St.), Toronto

St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

**Western Region**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke

St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

**Eastern Region**

St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough

St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa

**Northern Region**

St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg

St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

Additional information on the Jubilee Year, along with relevant resources are also available online through:

[www.archtoronto.org/jubilee](http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee)

Tax receipts will be mailed in the next week or so. You should receive them via Canada Post by **February 17<sup>th</sup>**.



The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is coming up and we are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating the 33rd year of coming together in praise and worship on

Saturday, 29th March, 2025 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. For more information, please see the flyers on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

**WELCOME WEDNESDAY**



Please join our Welcome Wednesday Drop-In for videos, activities and plenty of conversation. We meet every Wednesday

from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**REMEMBRANCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

† Frances Miceli & † Mary Lou Osborne

Please join us after the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses for Fellowship. This week's hosts are members of the CWL.



*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Patrick O'Reilly & Patrick Quinn



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